

HANCOCK COUNTY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
12:00 P.M.

The Hancock County Project Development Board ("PDB") convened at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Board Members present were:

Ms. Lora McCarty
Mr. Mike Powers, Magistrate
District Judge John McCarty
Ms. Noel Quinn, Circuit Clerk
Circuit Judge Ronnie Dortch
Judge/Executive Jack B. McCaslin
Harold W. Newton, Esq.
Ms. Yvonne Taylor
Mr. Thad Scott, AOC

Mr. Tim Graviss and Adrie Hammond of JRA were also present.

Mr. Graviss thanked the Board for selecting his architectural firm for the project. Mr. Graviss promised to provide the best courthouse the Board could afford. He asked each Board member to provide him with a "wish list" of things for the new courthouse.

Regarding the review of potential sites, the sites were visually inspected in the following order:

Carrico Site:

Comments: Mr. Graviss advised that this particular site was too shallow.

Old Hawesville Elementary School:

Comments: Mr. Graviss found several advantages to this site, i.e., (1) relationship to the bridge and the new road; (2) elevation; (3) two developed entrances; (4) commanding view; (5) room for future expansion; (6) parking; (7) utilities; (8) mature trees; and, (9) geo thermo heating a possibility. He anticipated that demolition would cost approximately \$100,000.00. The new road is unknown and something to take into consideration.

Old Catholic School:

Comments: This property is nice. However, the surrounding area is a negative, and it would require a tremendous amount of fill.

Nugent and Basham Property:

This property site was taken into consideration with the old Catholic School site. If that site was chosen, this property would probably be purchased as well.

Gibson & Son Funeral Home and Snyder Property

Comments: This property is too expensive. If these sites were chosen, would also need the Bank property. The sites are not feasible.

Moffitt Property:

Comments: AOC would not approve this site. This site is too far out of town, and there are no utilities.

Jett Property:

Comments: This property has an excellent back view. Very little demolition would be required. The site borders on being too far away from the current courthouse. If the site was selected, the neighbor's house would be required as well because of the close proximity.

Axton Property:

Comments: This property is too expensive and would require the purchase of adjoining property.

Jones Property:

Comments: None.

Brockman Property:

Comments: This site would be beautiful. Somewhat challenging and site costs would be astronomical because of the contour of the land. The property may be too remote. However, if the site was affordable, the completed project would be magnificent.

After visually inspecting the sites, the Committee returned to the Administration Building for discussion.

The committee was in agreement that the Old Hawesville School site appeared to be the most economical. Further, there appears to be fewer issues to address than with the other sites. Mr. Graviss and Mr. Scott advised that the cost of demolition would come out of interim financing. The group was in agreement that the Brockman site was simply too beautiful to disturb.

After discussing these sites, motion was made by Mr. Newton and a second by Judge Dortch to enter into negotiations with the Fiscal Court for the purchase of Tract Two of the Old Hawesville School site. Vote was taken by show of hands, unanimous vote and motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Powers and a second by Ms. Taylor to have Tract Two appraised by an MAI appraiser. Vote was taken by show of hands, unanimous vote and motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Newton and a second by Judge Dortch to adjourn. Vote was taken by show of hands. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Lamar, Secretary